



# The American Legion

DEPARTMENT OF PUERTO RICO AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DISTRICT NO. 10

## PRESS RELEASE

### **American Legion District 10 Veterans, Families Prepare to Salute ‘Old Glory’ 236<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

On a day to celebrate the American flag, members of District No. 10, Department of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands also will honor “Old Glory” in a special ceremony. Members of the American Legion Posts within the Virgin Islands will conduct special ceremony honoring the 236<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U. S. Flag and the 238<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the United States Army. Ceremony on St. Croix will be conducted at the Myron G. Danielson American Legion Post No. 85 located at #2 Hospital Grounds, Christiansted starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 June 2013. At this ceremony the Legion will also be disposing of any unserviceable flags from within the community that needs to be destroyed. Businesses and citizens of the community with unserviceable flags may take them to the American Legion Hall for disposal. Similar ceremony will take place on St. Thomas hosted by the Patrick U. George American Legion Post 90 at 6:00 p.m. Friday, 14 June 2013.

The American flag was authorized by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, but commemoration of this significant event was slow in its development. The Stars and Stripes first flew in a Flag Day celebration in 1861 in Hartford, Conn. The first national observance of Flag Day came on June 14, 1877, 100 years after the original resolution establishing the nation’s symbol. Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

Meanwhile two hundred and thirty-seven years ago, the United States Army was established to defend our Nation. From the Revolutionary War to the current operations taking place around the world, our Soldiers remain Army Strong with a deep commitment to our core values and beliefs. This 238<sup>th</sup> birthday commemorates America’s Army – Soldiers, Families and Civilians

All veterans and the general public are invited to join the Legionnaires as they pay tribute to the Flag and celebrate the Birthday of the United States Army.

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